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SUBJECT: VIET NAM ELECTIONS

1. SENATOR MURPHY AND GOVERNOR GUY AND ESCORT OFFICER TEARE HAVE RETURNED SAFELY TO SAIGON AFTER VISIT TO TUY HOA DURING WHICH THERE WAS VC TERROR ATTACK ON POLLING PLACE WHICH THEY HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO VISIT.

2. PARTY ARRIVE IN TUY HOA AT 9:10 AM AND PASSED POLLING PLACE CONCERNED EN ROUTE IN FROM AIRPORT. THEY PROCEEDED DIRECTLY TO HOME OF PROVINCE CHIEF AND WERE THERE WHEN EXPLOSION TOOK PLACE AT 9:55 AM. THEY DECIDED AGAINST GOING

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DIRECTLY TO SCENE OF INCIDENT AT THAT TIME AND DECIDED INSTEAD TO PROCEED ON PLANNED VISIT TO 5 OR 6 POLLING PLACES IN TUY HOA ITSELF. THEY WENT TO THE SCENE OF THE INCIDENT LATER IN THE DAY AND SAW DAMAGE AND OTHER RESULTS OF EXPLOSION IN WHICH ACCORDING LATEST REPORTS 3 WERE KILLED AND 42 INJURED.

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3. AP TICKER HAS ALREADY CARRIED INITIAL REPORT OF INCIDENT AND AT LEAST ONE REPORTER (KELLY SMITH OF AP) MET PARTY ON RETURN TO SAIGON.
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